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You heard about the Waugh reunion? On that occasion I indulged my propensity to make a speech and promised myself the pleasure of extending my remarks in print. Which motion has carried nem. con. The day was cool, and calm, and bright and the place was an ancient sugar-tree grove where the leaves made a roof and good sounding-board over a natural ampitheatre. There was a lunch the result of the highest art on the part of the learned cooks. I think it was one of the most elaborate affairs that I ever attended.

It does not seem to have occured to the Waughs to have asserted the claims of long descent but they are entitled to it. When I see persons struggling to join societies formed by descendants of soldiers of the Revolution I think how easy it is for the native born of this county to qualify It would be easy to form larger associations of sons, daughters, and dames respectively in Pocahontas County than the State associations We have paid a good deal of attention to history and we have stayed here and kept the home fires burning. For instance, every one who has Waugh blood is entitled to be either a son or a daughter of the Revolution.

The movement for the reunion started in Kanawha county. On Thursday a notice came out in the paper. On Friday John Waugh, chief of police in this town, and Harlow Waugh, the oldest merchant of the town, got busy and on Sunday Pocahontas lived up to its traditions of hospitality. It was a basket banquet. At first it was determined to hold the meeting in one of the beautiful shades of Knapps Creek, but Mack and Florence Mann, who own one of the old Waugh homesteads had the ideal thought to marshall them on to Indian Draft. I claim to be somewhat of a mystic and I wonder if the spirit of the late Rev. John Waugh was not with us that day, something that is beyond the powers of human comprehension in our present imperfect state of understanding.

Shortly after the Civil War a political orator waved the bloody flag at Edray, and urged the people to vote the way they shot. And Rev. John Waugh replied to him something after this manner:

"The war is over. It is our duty to promote peace. I had a son in Confederate army and I had a son in the Union army. If the hosilities continue, the factions will be holding their basket dinners in different hollows."

That was the last effort on the part of any speaker to make a bloody flag speech in the county.

Judge Waugh of Buckhannon, is one of the bright, particular stars of the Waugh tribe. The date of the reunion had been set convenient for him but he was prevented by circumstances of great pith and moment from being present.

I was invited as a collateral member, being kin to those of direct descent. Furthermore, I answer to the name of Mr. Waugh so frequently that I do not take the time to correct the error if it is merely a salutation. Harlow Waugh is my double in this town. We are kin through the Poages. And there is an other connection. "Miss Lizzie of The Times Office," as she was designated in George P. Moore's will. We have both been on The Times staff for a frightfully long time.

What is here set down relates to one of the most notable mountain families of the Virginias.

The name is pure Scotch. At present it is pronounced as though it was spelled Waw. The trade that fastened the name was that of a fuller A fuller was the artisan who took the home weaves of cloth and shrunk pressed, cleaned and dyed them. It was an important trade in the days when cloth was made in the home. In such a way, the names of Weaver, Fuller, Waugh, Smith, Collier, Baker, Farmer, Shepherd, and the like were derived.

Sometime ago a West Virginia historian said to me: "Do you know that the names Waugh and Walkup are the same?" Both names are common is this valley, but it did not make much impression on me at the time for I am loath to take the word of a historian for anything. They snatch at a rumor and catch at a breath, of this one knoweth and that one saith. And if they are not trained in the art of weighing evidence such as comes by a long course in the logic of the law, they are apt to read and misconstrue the sign. But when I got back to my books, I found that there was good reason to believe that he was right.

Whenever you get to fooling with the combination gh in a word, almost anything can happen in the way of corrupting the pronounciation. Thus Hough spells Huff, McLaughlin, McLocklin, and Waugh, Waw. The word Waugh is spelled in various ways. Warr, Wahoff, Wachub, Waughub, Wauchub and Waugh. In Scotland the name was pronounced walk. In the records of Augusta county, it is noted that James Waughub acted as a processioner before the Revolutionary war. It is reasonably certain that this was James Waugh, a soldier of the Revolution, who enlisted from Augusta county. I am not sure what a processioner was. But there were a lot of them. He was a perambulator. In the days before titles were recorded, men were appointed to walk around boundaries of land, say once a year and inspect and restore monuments marking division lines. And when taxes in Virginia were collected by parishes to the parsons, it may be that the bounds of the parish were ascertained at stated intervals' especially in a country where new cabins were springing up in the coves of the mountains.

There was a captain George Waugh in the Revolution and I cannot connect him with the family here. But he was from Orange county, the county from which Augusta was formed, and I have a hunch that he was the father of James Waugh.

All the Waughs that we know of were descended from that James Waugh and Mary Waugh, his wife. James Waugh enlisted for three years in the Revolution in the year 1777. He survived the conflict for he and his wife were defendants in a lawsuit brought in the year 1780 He served the full three years, a fact that is established by the records of the county courts of Augusta county. At the date of his enlistment he was a married man with four children. As such he was entitled to an appropriation from the county funds. December 16, 1777, his wife was allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds November 17, 1778, she was allowed the sum of twenty-five pounds. November 17, 1779, she was allowed the sum of sixty pounds.

At this time, James Waugh was living in Augusta county, at some place near Clover Lick, now Pocahontas county, West Virginia I think that he lived on the east bank of Greenbrier River, four or five miles below Clover Lick, but my father gives the place as the Shrader land in the Hills a few miles south east on the same trail to Clover Lick to Fort Dinwiddie or Jackson River settlement. The old homestead was on the west side of the river but tradition puts a still older house on the east side. There were three James Waughs. The soldier, his son James, the father of Lorenzo Waugh, and Lorenzo's brother James —the one I remember in 1887, when he was a man nearing the eighties.

The soldier left two sons: James and Samuel. Both married McGuires. James married Rebecca McGuire and Samuel married Ann McGuire. and it was the result of these marriages that account for the many hundred descendants of the soldier. James Waugh 2nd had twelve children and Samuel Waugh, his brother, had fourteen children. Take a pencil and figure it out for yourselves. You can see the possibilities of such a start. They have spread over the entire nation, but a great number remain in the hills where the Scot first settled in the new world.

Samuel settled in the Hills on the Shrader land and James 2nd lived on Greenbrier river. From Samuel Waugh are descended the Rev. John Waugh family and many of the Knapp, Shrader, Fertig, Buzzard, Malcomb, Moore, Martin and Wade families and others.

From James 2nd, descended the Marcus Waugh branch, and members of the Fleming, Griffin, Ratliff families and others.

Both Samuel and James 2nd departed this life in the year 1831, their wills being probated that year. In the will of James 2nd, he provides that land be sold and the proceeds used to educate his children. Sell land and school children, a strange doctrine for that day and time. Another clause in his will was: "I desire that my rifle gun be kept for the entire use of my plantation." That speaks of a day when a good, muzzle loading rifle was a most important part of every man's equipment. It meant a good title to land, a defense against the savage, and food for the family.

James Waugh, 2nd, gentleman, was a member of the first court to sit in Pocahontas county. I note his presence at the August term, 1822 He was one of the fathers of the county. He seems to have been close neighbor and friend of Major Jacob Warwick, of Clover Lick. Jacob Warwick died in 1828, three years before the death of James Waugh, 2nd.

The plantation as I figure it out as named in his will was a long narrow strip of land on Greenbrier River. Roughly described it is a narrow strip of bottom land about two miles long and an eighth of a mile broad. The bottom pinches out about half way and there is located the famous Indian Rock, and James Waugh, 3rd, took the part above the rock, the old homestead, and Marcus Waugh took the place down the river from the rock. When the Greenbrier Division of the C. & O. railway was built it took a strip a hundred feet broad out of the center of these long narrow bottoms and practically put the plantation out of business.

Lorenzo Waugh says in his book that near his father's house was an old camping place of the Indians, where bushels of river shells had been thrown. He refers to the periwinkle shells. This is a little shell-fish of Greenbrier River. They are about the size of the smallest marble and they cling to the stones in the bed of the stream, as every barefooted boy who waded the river well remembers. The Indians probably boiled them for soup. It is a univalve or gastropod, kin to a snail.

One can imagine that when the narrow valley was in its original state, that it was a calm and peaceful retreat. The clear river afforded fine fishing, and the deer would come down from the hills to the waters of the Greenbrier at many crossing places.

The friendship with the Warwick family had its effect in the life of Lorenzo Waugh, who has recorded:

"There was one man in our neighborhood who was called rich, having, I think over a hundred slaves, and I wish to mention him, as he and his family were real friends to me—Father Jacob Warwick. His daughter Betsey used to come to our house and give me lessons, and with her I learned to read and write before I ever went a day to school."

This was the Elizabeth Warwick who married Col. Woods, of Albemarle.

My recollection goes back to the days when the upper place was occupied by James Waugh, 3rd, and the lower place by Marcus Waugh, both long since gathered to their fathers. These lands are the first "east" of the tunnel The bottom place west of the tunnel on the railroad being the Bridger place, where we place the boyhood home of Jim Bridger.

James, the 2nd, had a son Jacob Waugh who was clerk of the county court of Upshur county and the grandfather of Judge Waugh. Samuel Waugh had a son Jacob Waugh, of Waugh's mill on Stony Creek, near Marlinton, the father of Isham Waugh.

Both had sons who moved to Missouri. Both had sons who settled in Kanawha county.

My recollection of Rev. John Waugh, of the Indian Draft country, is that of a clean shaven, aristocratic old man, of distinguished appearance. He and my grandfather Price were very close friends and found great satisfaction in each other's company. I think they must have been about the same age.

Lorenzo Waugh had a remarkable career. Starting in his ministerial life in Virginia, he literally preached his way across the continent to the shores of the Pacific. He was a Circuit Rider from away back. He wrote a book of his life which was so full of moral precepts and instruction that it became a church publication and went into many editions.

From this work it is possible to form a correct estimate of his character and to realize that his life was valuable to his country. The circuit rider of a few years back was inseparably connected with his horse, as note the equestrian statue of Bishop Asbury in the city of Washington. Lorenzo Waugh says that when he was a small boy that he won a foot race from a man named Friel, the local champion, which pleased Jacob Warwick so much that he presented the boy with a filly and that from this stock came practically all of his mounts during the more than half a century of riding. He crossed the plains in 1851, with his own ox teams

Here is the way that I read the character of Lorenzo Waugh. He was a vivid preacher of the gospel, a steadfast adherent to the parent Methodist church, a man of clean life, one of the originators of the temperance movement, an enemy of tobacco in every form, a mighty hunter of big game, and dead shot with a rifle.

He was licensed to preach in 1832 and his first charge was in Nicholas county, and at that time the Methodist church in America was nothing like the tremendous organization that it is today, and it is apparent that during his ministry that the faith he labored for grew from a comparitively small denomination to be the most numerous and the most powerful Protestant church in America. Such being the case, it is safe to say that when the life and times of Lorenzo Waugh become crystalized by history, his long and widespread ministerial work will class him as one of the fathers of the church in this continent.

He fought the twin evil liquor and tobacco. As a matter of fact, tobacco added to liquor has about put John Barleycorn out of business, as both are too much for the endurance of man.

Lorenzo Waugh says that it is true that persons are able to point out certain old men who had used tobacco and whiskey, but they were scabby old specimens.

When helabored among the Shawnee and the Kaw Indians as a missionary he saw some filthy examples of tobacco users. He paints a picture of the Indians who would smoke until they felt the effects of the nicotine, then pick lice from their blankets and eat them, and then smoke again. That is a pleasant sight for you!

The turning point in Lorenzo Waugh's life was seeing a statement in a newspaper that a man in a distant place was willing to assist some boy in getting an education to prepare him for the ministry. He answered the letter and was told that the place had been given to another boy, but the germ had been sown, and he left home and went to Harrison county and proceeded to carry out his plan on his own resources He worked for his board and went to school. And he had not been there long until the teacher was discharged for drunkeness and Lorenzo Waugh was selected to take his place. From that time on he was engaged in professional duties as a teacher, preacher, missionary and author.

The other clans of Pocahontas county ought to wake up and get together and celebrate their long ascendency in these mountains We lack many of the things that the great centers of population have, but there is a saying that great men come from the mountains. Let us insist upon the fact that not all great men leave the mountains. Let us make the most of steadfastness.

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July 26, 1925.

T. S. McNeel, Com'r.

FIDUCIARY NOTICE

The final settlement of Geo P. Hill, administrator of the estate of Peter Hill deceased, is before the undersigned commissioner of accounts for settlement. All persons interested will take notice.

T. S. McNeel, Commissioner.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given to all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of N. B. Arbogast, deceased, to make immediate settlement with the undersigned administrator; and all persons holding claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me with full legal proof attached.

Given under my hand this the 11th day of August, 1925.

J. L. Hudson

Administrator of the estate of N. B. Arbogast, deceased.

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State of West Virginia,
County of Pocahontas,
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At a special session of the council of the city or town of Cass, Pocahontas county, held in the council chambers thereof, in the municipal building on the second Tuesday in August, to-wit, the 11th day of August 1925, there were present G. M. Brice mayor, George S Graham recorder, and W. F. Anderson, R. A. Hivick, J. C. Graves, members of the council of said city or town.

In accordance with Chapter 126 Acts of the Legislature of 1919, the council proceeded to make up an estimate of the amounts necessary to be levied for the current fiscal year, to cover all municipal debts and liabilities payable during the said year, including probable expenditures for municipal purposes, and proper allowances for delinquent taxes, expense of collections and contingencies but deducting therefrom the money in the city treasury applicable to the service of the year and municipal claims and doth determine and estimate the several amounts to be levied as follows:

CURRENT MUNICIPAL PURPOSES

Estimates

Estimated Receipts

The amount due the municipality for regular municipal purposes, and the amount that will become due and collectible from every source for such purposes, except from the levy of taxes to be made for the current fiscal year.

Balance in hands of city treasury	297 30
Taxes uncollected	500 00
General licenses	269 50
Total estimated receipts (except from current levy)	1066 80

Estimated Disbursements

Debts and demands owed by the municipality for regular municipal purposes, and the debts and demands that will become due and payble for such purposes, during the current fiscal year.

Current accounts due and unpaid June 30, 1925, former year bills	522 71
All other expenditures payable out of funds of the municipality for regular municipal purposes for the current fiscal year.	
Salaries of general Administrative officers	100 00
Salaries of Chief and special police	1300 00
Salaries Health Commissioner and employees	50 00
Expense keeping and feeding prisoners	75 00
Repairs to city buildings and jail	200 00
Stationery, office supplies and equipment	50 00
Fuel	20 00
Freight and drayage	50 00
Advertising and legal publications	100 00
Election expenses	50 00
Attorney's fees, court costs and damages	75 00
City Treasurer's or collector's commissions	60 00
Salaries—Street commissioner and regular employees	100 00
Maintenance of sewers	25 00
Construction of new streets, sidewalks and sewers	227 77
Delinquent taxes and discount	200 00
Grand total disbursements —General fund	3205 48
Total estimated receipts brought forward	1066 80
Amount to be provided by levy for current municipal purposes	2138 68

It appearing from the foregoing estimate that it is necessary to raise by levy, after deducting all credits, $2138 68 for regular municipal purposes, therefore it is determined that a levy of thirty cents (30c) on each one hundred dollars' assessed valuation of all property taxable in the said municipality of Cass, will be necessary to produce the estimated amount aforesaid for the ensuing fiscal year, based upon the last assessment thereof, as certified to the council by the officer whose duty it is to make such report as follows:

Real estate	3364 05
Personal property	3470 60
Public utility property	289 29
Total	7138 94

State of West Virginia,
County of Pocahontas,
City or town of Cass, To-wit:

I, G. S. Graham Recorder, in and for the municipality of Cass, county of Pocahontas and State of West Virginia, do hereby certify that the foregoing conform to an order made by the council of said municipality on the 11th day of August, 1925.

Given under my hand this 11th day of August, 1925.

G. S. Graham, Recorder of the Municipality of Cass, W. Va

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